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TO : MR. CALLAHAN

DATE: December 3, 1975

FROM : H. N. BASSETT

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

Reference is made to memorandum of 11/14/75 from Legal Counsel to Mr. Adams captioned "Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights, House Committee on the Judiciary" and the addendum of the Inspection Division, 11/18/75 (attached).

[redacted]

Referenced memorandum set forth results of the inquiry which had been conducted to date which clearly showed discrepancies in Hosty's allegations and it was recommended that Hosty be reinterviewed and confronted with the results of our inquiry. The Director agreed with this recommendation and also stated "Go all the way."

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Enclosures — Sent 12-4-75

1 - Mr. Adams
1 - Mr. Mintz
1 - Mr. Wannall

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As an aside, Mr. Stern advised that he had been sent various news clippings concerning the Oswald visit to the Dallas Office prior to the assassination and the subsequent destruction of the note which Oswald had left. He asked me if I had reviewed Hosty's testimony before the Warren Commission and I told him that I had on two or three occasions. He inquired that in this review had he, Stern, asked any question of Hosty that might have elicited the fact that Oswald had visited the office. I told Mr. Stern that he had not asked any such question. He stated that he felt bad about this because apparently he had fallen down on his job although he agreed that he might not have received a truthful answer had he asked the key question. He further stated that certainly Hosty had had ample opportunity to advise him of that development during the conferences which he had held with Hosty prior to the latter's actual testimony. He asked if I would send him a transcript of any testimony which Hosty may subsequently furnish in which his, Stern's, name is mentioned and I told him that I would be glad to comply with his request.

OBSERVATIONS

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Of particular significance is the fact that Hosty in his sworn statement of 11/14/75 specifically stated that upon his return to the Dallas Office following his testimony he noted "My name had been crossed out and former Assistant Special Agent in Charge Kyle Clark had written his name below mine and had initialed it for filing." There is no other way of interpreting this other than a categorical statement on Hosty's part; however, when confronted with the actual serial showing that Clark's name appeared nowhere on it he states, "I had assumed Clark's initials would have been on this serial since this case had been reassigned to Clark sometime after 11/22/63." It is noted that Hosty is due to be interviewed by representatives of the House Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights on 12/4/75.

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Memorandum to Mr. Callahan
Re: Assassination of President John F. Kennedy

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That no further inquiry be conducted relative to this particular issue.

2. That the attached communication be forwarded to the Department advising them of Hosty's allegation and the results of our inquiry.